



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Charter School Leaders

FROM: Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: June 5, 2009

SUBJECT: ARRA McKinney-Vento Funds

Funds are available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to provide education and education related services for students experiencing homelessness. The stimulus funds will be used to provide transportation grants and to provide full funding to districts currently receiving a competitive McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant. All stimulus funds must be committed to Indiana's schools no later than August 8th of this year.

To offset the excess costs related to transporting homeless students, data from the DOE-AD report for the 2006-2008 school year will be used to provide transportation grants to public schools. Districts that submitted a DOE-AD report indicating an enrollment of at least 25 homeless students will be eligible for the funds. The grant may be used to provide transportation to school or school functions. Districts that wish to access the funds should submit an application; the application can be downloaded online at <http://www.doe.in.gov/stimulus/>.

The remaining stimulus dollars will be used to provide full funding to those districts that have already competed for and currently receive a McKinney-Vento grant. Many of the districts that competed were not eligible for full funding due to the limited nature of the program's budget allocation. The ARRA will allow us to bring those projects up to full funding requests. To access the dollars, under-funded projects should submit a revised budget. Additionally, districts that will receive the second or third installment of an existing three year competitive McKinney-Vento grant during the 2009-2010 school year will receive the next installment of their grant from the ARRA funds.

The ARRA requires that districts report on the use of the McKinney-Vento stimulus funds on a quarterly basis as it does with other stimulus funds. Applications and revised budgets may be submitted to Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Room 229, Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Questions may be directed to Christina Endres, state coordinator for homeless education, at endres@doe.in.gov or 317-232-0548.